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Employment Schemes for Drought and Flood Affected Areas
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any scheme to generate more employment opportunities for the people living in drought and flood affected areas of the country and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the extent to which the said scheme is likely to help in generating employment for the poor people in various States;
(c) whether the Government has received proposals from some States to provide additional assistance for implementation of employment generation schemes in their respective States; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) to (d): There is no specific scheme for generation of more employment opportunities for drought and flood affected areas of the country. However, the Ministry of Rural Development provides 50 days of additional employment in notified areas of drought affected States under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) on recommendation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. Accordingly, a provision of additional employment of 50 days over and above 100 days per household under MGNREGA was made in the notified drought affected states Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh during the Financial Year 2016-17.

Government has also taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging private sector of economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) scheme run by Ministry of Rural Development and Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) run by Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation.

The primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the State Government. The Government of India extends all the possible logistics and financial support to the States to supplement their efforts to meet the situation effectively. The concerned State Governments undertake assessment/ estimation of damage/ loss and provide relief operations in the wake of natural disasters including flood, from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) already placed at their disposal. When the available resources of States are inadequate, State Governments seek additional financial assistance through a Memorandum. Soon after receipt of such a Memorandum, Central Government constitutes an Inter-Ministerial Central Team for spot visit and assessment of damage which form the basis of Central assistance out of the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).

A new Scheme "Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana" has been initiated by the Ministry of Labour and Employment in the year 2016-17 for incentivising industry for promoting employment generation with the allocation of Rs. 1000 crore. Under this scheme employers would be provided an incentive to enhance employment where the Government will pay the employer's contribution of 8.33% EPS made to new employees. In textiles (apparel and made-ups) sector, the Government will also pay the 3.67% EPF contribution of employers in addition to paying the 8.33% EPS contribution. Government has announced a booster package of Rs 6000 crores for the textile sector which is an employment intensive sector.

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